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Glen Carter is looking forward to retirement

30 years of teaching music

by Matthew Sittler

The thirty year musical teaching career of Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Glen Carter will end in June, bringing him out of the classroom and back to a world of nature he so loves.

Just the thought of relaxing while canoeing, sailing and playing squash seems to bring music to his ears as he looks back upon a career that helped not only to initiate Haliburton County's first elementary school-level instrumental program, but defined what it is to play and express oneself through beautiful melody for several generations of enthusiastic students.

"When I arrived in 1971, there was no instrumental music program in Haliburton County," says the future retiree. "Not even at the high school level."

Glen Carter grew up in Don Mills, Toronto. Upon graduation, he saw an ad in a newspaper for a teaching job at the grade 8 level in Minden. The English major's first thought was that he would like to teach high school English outside of the city, somewhere up north. "When I saw grade eight English at Archie Stouffer and music, which was my minor, I thought 'I'd like to try that.'"

The school's Principal at the time was Don Wright, who had already purchased instruments and planned to start an instrumental program himself. Carter was hired, taking the reins from Wright for the program involving grades 6, 7 and 8 levels. He was so successful, he was asked by the school board to teach the program at the high school level the following year. "The board asked me if I would teach Grade 9 music twice a week after school at Archie Stouffer," says Carter. "It was the Minden kids only who had music during Grade nine at the time." His teaching expanded during the next two years with his involvement of teaching grade ten classes as well.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School music teacher Glen Carter plans to spend more time in the out-of-doors following his retirement.

photo by Matthew Sittler

Body recovered from Gull Lake

The body of the snowmobiler who disappeared into the icy water of Gull Lake February 23 was recovered Monday afternoon. The body of 39 year old Gerry Kennedy of Burlington was spotted by an OPP helicopter. Members of the Underwater Search and Rescue Unit were then directed to the location to remove the body from the water.

The dive team spent two days searching the area where the snowmobiler had broken through the ice. According to OPP spokesman, Constable Laura Ostler, the helicopter provided the perspective needed to spot the body.

Kennedy went through the ice in the early hours of Friday morning while travelling south on the lake. According to his snowmobiling companion, Shawn Mathewson, the two became disoriented in blowing snow and drove toward the channel leading to Moore Falls, when their machine broke through the ice. Mathewson was able to crawl out of the water and alert the police.

Tuesday morning a post mortem was held at Peterborough Civic Hospital. The results of the post mortem indicate that he died of drowning and hypothermia.

Cottage break-ins

The OPP investigated break and enters at three cottages located on Mountain Lake Road in Minden Township. The February 16 investigation revealed that the suspects may have accessed the cottages by snowmobile from the lake. At this time it appears that no items were taken from the cottages.

Damage to ATM

The OPP investigated a report that one of the ATM's at the CIBC on Haliburton had been smashed last week. The investigation which began February 25 is continuing.

Snowboard removed from vehicle

The OPP investigated the theft of a snowboard from Sir Sam's Ski Area. The snowboard was stored in an unlocked vehicle. The investigation occurred February 24.

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Meeting set for March 17

Committee will help select dumping sites

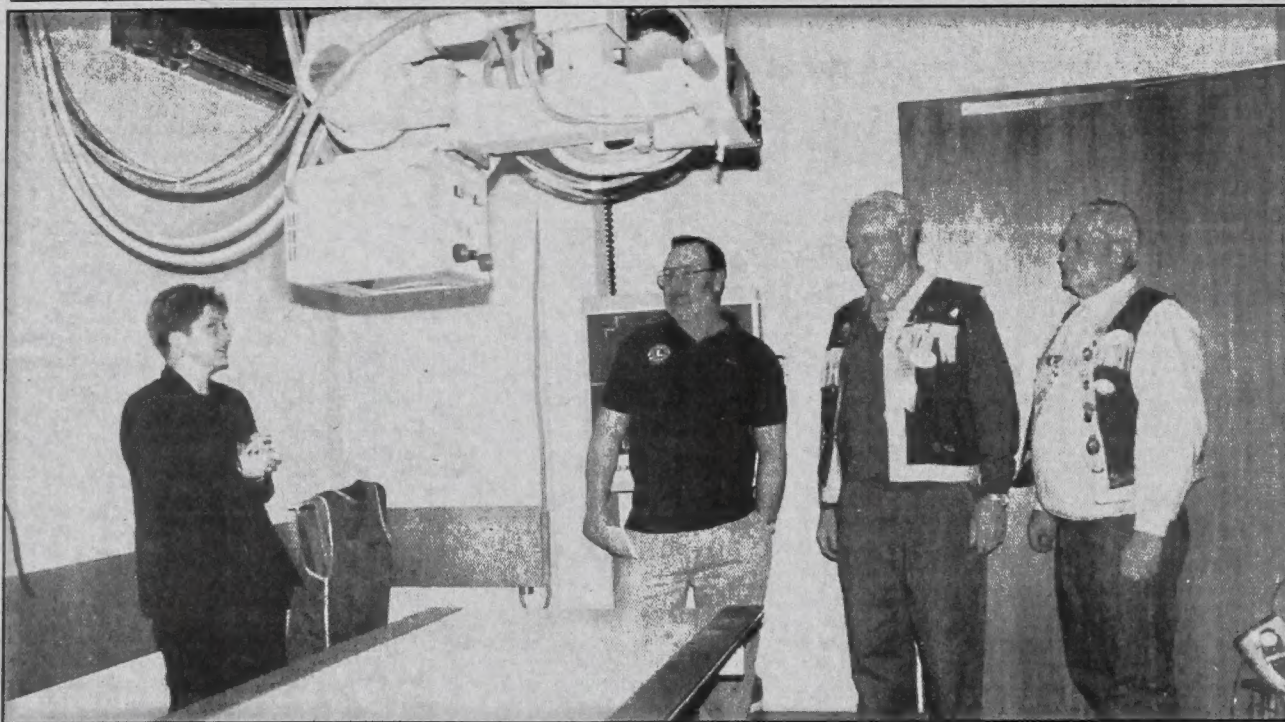
by Matthew Sittler

The County Advisory Committee for the Environment (CACE) will meet Saturday, March 17 to discuss county council's direction to look into where suitable sites for a county-operated sewage disposal operation could be located.

At last week's meeting, county council decided it would likely go ahead with creating the sites provided there were suitable areas available and provided there is continued co-operation with Haliburton sewage haulers who may have to pay to dump their collected waste there.

At a meeting in January, Halibur-

ton's septic haulers were directed by County Warden Murray Fearrey to provide statistics of their waste-volumes to Haliburton County CAO Gary King, in order to help provide information that would be needed to determine the size of potential sites needed. To date, only two of eight have provided that information.



Members of the Minden and District Lions were given a tour of the new Minden Hospital and Health Centre last week. Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Manager Dale Walker, left, shows some of the members of the club the X-ray equipment. "The Lions Club has been an enthusiastic supporter of this project right from the beginning," Walker said. "We certainly appreciate the major commitment of all the members." Also on hand to greet the Lions and escort them through the building were Foundation Chairman Gordon Monk and HHHS Executive Director Foster Loucks.

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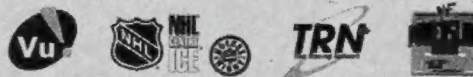
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School's future hangs in the balance

Committee wrestles with final details

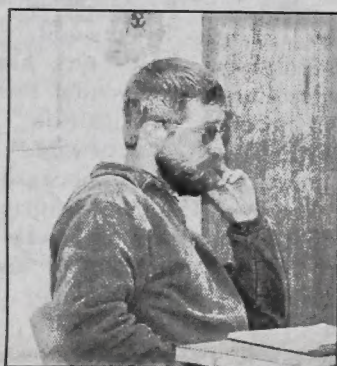
by Matthew Sitrer

Simmering skepticism was held at bay by outbursts of laughter borne of frustration and concern for Dorset Elementary School last Monday evening.

It was the sixth time the Dorset School Review Committee had met, and while its members make up a single entity, rifts were apparent. Both sides, however, took turns conceding and sticking to their guns on several issues in what has become an emotionally draining fight for the small town school's survival.

Several issues need to be settled before any finalized proposals are presented to the Trillium Lakelands School Board for decision in April, agreed committee members. At last week's meeting, numerous items of contention were discussed semi-thoroughly and were itemized in order of urgency according to the short time-line the committee has left to reach agreement on a proposal.

As a result, parent representative Sandy Mackay was given the duty of determining a tentative school catchment area for Dorset's Elementary School. The school has operated without one up to this point. Parent representative Lori Parniak will prepare, in a clear and concise form, the history of Dorset Elementary's problems, which have led to its current situation as a candidate for closure. She will also itemize the major points of discovery and discussion that have been the review committee meetings.



Parent representative Sandy Mackay.

"I think we need to tell the board *exactly* how we got here," responded Parniak when Trillium Superintendent Paul Doiron suggested that an impact statement of the committee's meeting minutes be created to inform school board trustees of information that had been discussed at meetings. Parniak wanted to make sure that Trillium Lakelands School Board knew of the long history of items that have nudged the school towards closure, as opposed to just hearing about what had been discussed at the individual review committee sessions.

The issues up for discussion last week caused both sides to weigh in with their many concerns - some emotional, some factual. Discussion was vigorous and thorough - the parent representatives wanting every stone to be overturned for the board to see.

Trillium Lakelands Superintendent Doiron noted that should new lines be developed regarding a possible new catchment area, proposing them to Trillium Lakelands was one thing, and expecting students and parents to adhere to it is another. "Yes, well we don't want to lose our school either," Sandy Mackay responded, eliciting light applause from the crowd.

Bus routes to Irwin Memorial were discussed. The

committee heard from a bus driver who travels the route daily. Superintendent Doiron had just finished promising the crowd that he would ensure children going to Irwin Memorial would be there within an hour should Dorset Elementary close. The bus driver was sceptical, to say the least. "I take one hour and seven minutes to complete the trip," he told Doiron. "You say 'under or within an hour' should the school close - but you don't take into consideration the weather or the road conditions. Like we've seen, the bus routes are already a mess." The man went on to ask for assurance that five years down the road, Trillium Lakelands would still adhere to the 'under an hour' policy. "Nothing is set in stone," conceded Doiron.



Trillium Superintendent Paul Doiron

Lori Parniak built on this by adding that if more buses are eventually utilized in order to meet the hour time limit - 'what does that do to the cost?' The cost of running Dorset Elementary is one of the reasons Trillium Lakelands is considering its closure.

Superintendent Doiron appeared to agree with many of the committee members suggestions and concerns, however. "Let's make this a hard-hitting first read," he said of the committee's proposal. "I am here to help you help the board to understand."

Trustees offer their opinions

by Matthew Sitrer

Parent representative and Dorset School Review Committee Member Sandy Mackay last week raised concerns that the nine Trillium Lakelands School Board Trustees (mostly from outside of Haliburton County) may not be fully aware of the dire situation the hamlet of Dorset will be in if it loses its only elementary school.

Having already lost its central municipal function as a result of amalgamation, Mackay said the loss of yet another vital part of the Dorset community will, "...leave the town in a tailspin." This week, *The Times* asked three Trillium Lakelands Trustees to comment on the future of the community's school.

The province has dictated the action of Trillium Lakelands School Board in weighing closure of Dorset's school, says City of Kawartha Lakes School Trustee of Wards 2, 3, 6 and 7, Bob Orr. He confirmed the School Board Trustees have been kept abreast of much of what has been going on at the re-

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Doiron suggested to Mackay that when itemizing points to be discussed about catchment areas, he should include approaching parents of children who might be affected by a change in school boundaries. "Let's talk to them. For example, 'Would you be in favour of returning your child to Dorset should it remain open?'" he suggested. "That's what our model should say. I agree with that."

At one point, Lori Parniak told Doiron what allowing students to be withdrawn by their parents from the Dorset facility over the years has done to the school. It was her position that the school board had not fought the dwindling numbers hard enough - that the board itself may be partly the author of the school's current candidacy for closure. "What about all the students who have been allowed to leave - what do you think that has done to our numbers?" she asked the Superintendent.

Doiron acknowledged that although he was indirectly aware of some of the past moves, he believed there must have been solid reasoning behind most of them. "You can roll your eyes if you want to," he told her. "But that is not the practice of Trillium Lakelands."

February weather

by Phil Graham

Average High	-1.9	28.5
Average Low	-11.8	10.7
Average for the month	-6.8	19.7
Average for last February	-6.2	20.8
Highest temperature February 9	7.5	45.5
Lowest temperature February 3	-26.0	-14.8
Rain	41.2 mm	1.6 in
Snow	38. cm	15 in
Total precipitation	79.2 mm	3.1 in
Total precip. for last February	75.0 mm	2.9 in
Snow on ground February 28	65 cm	25.5 in
Snow on ground last February	Trace	
Snowfall Nov. 1 to Feb. 28	241 cm	94.8 in
Days mostly sunny	9	
Days with snow or rain	15	
Days with freezing rain	2	

About the only good point regarding February was it was a short month. Otherwise it was very much like January. Very winter-like and with severe temperature changes. With all this, the average temperature of the month was only .6 degree c (1°F) colder than last February. The big difference was the amount of snow on the ground at the end of the month. This February there was 65 cm on the ground last February only at a trace. There were two ice storms February 9 and 25 - lucky there was not much damage.

Trivia: Think spring. Although there is not much hope until near the end of March.



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Mental health program receives additional funding

The following items were reported at the February meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

The HHHS has received notification of a 2% adjustment to its funding base for the Mental Health program. This is the first increase to the base since its involvement with the program and is hoped to address salary increments called for by the collective agreement.

Hydro estimate to bury lines

The HHHS has continued to investigate the matter of access to the Deep Bay Road site for the Ministry of Health helicopter. It has sought an estimate from Hydro to bury

nearby hydro lines so that the helipad could approach the landing site from the south. The estimate has been received and is just short of \$31,000.

Internet installation

As part of the continuing development of its information technology strategy, the board has installed the necessary software and configurations for all work stations to have access to the internet, specifically the web and e-mail. This has already been set up in Haliburton and very shortly will be in place at Minden. Anyone wishing to use the email system, the general address is hhhs@halhinet.on.ca

Glen Carter retiring after 30 years of teaching music

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Many memorable career milestones remain fresh for the gifted teacher and instrumentalist. "Early on, I received a call from a teacher in Toronto named Walter Barnes," he says. "He had a Grade 7 and 8 instrumental program at a senior school named Winona Drive, and had built it into such a quality program that students enrolled there from all over Metro Toronto." There was such support for the program at the Toronto school, the students took music lessons more than once a day. "Nine periods on a six-day cycle," beams Carter.

"Incredible. Walter would take grade eight groups to Finland and Japan. He also had a cottage up here." Barnes called Carter telling him his instrumental students were visiting Camp Kandalore for a week having an intensive rehearsal, and asked if they could perform a concert at Archie Stouffer Elementary. "They wanted us to play as well, which we did, and they were so inspiring," says the teacher. The next year, students from Archie Stouffer went to play at Winona Drive. "We went down and they hosted us, took us on walking tours, and it was a great time for the kids," he smiles.

Carter also took his grade ten students on a tour of three schools in Scarborough during the same time frame. "We've had different trips over the years where we have gone to visit several schools," says Glenn. "For years, we would go to the Bancroft Music Festival. We would take our band



and there would be others. Among the three bands which played, we would have a friendly rivalry." Archie Stouffer Elementary instrumental students have since become involved with the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival.

Some parents have expressed concern that the entire instrumental music

program at Archie Stouffer could come to an end once Carter retires. The teacher says that while a potential vacuum will be created, there are already possible solutions in the offing. "A grade four teacher who is qualified in instrumental music at

After teaching instrumental music for 30 years, Glen Carter is meeting the children of his students from years ago.

Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk has already let the board know that she would like to take over my position," he said. "One of the taxpayers went last week to talk with the board because he heard that the instrumental music program's days were numbered. He was told that cancelling the music would be the last resort and that they would have 'User-pay' before they would cancel the music. I'm hoping that with support from the board and from the parents, with a teacher willing to do the job, something will be decided." The only thing holding this back, he says, is the matter of staffing.

"We have to make sure that the teachers who are presently on staff or who are returning from leave get positions," he says. There may be some shuffling needed to make this work. Regardless of what happens, Glen Carter leaves Archie Stouffer on a high note knowing he has guided numerous students on to an exquisite appreciation of musicianship and teamwork.

"I laugh sometimes when I meet the new students every year and they tell me who their parents are and I've already taught them," he says. "It makes me feel good."

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In fact, a recent Times poll has shown there is no one left who likes winter any more. (Times polls on subjects like this are accurate ten times out of ten with a zero margin of error.)

Those for whom winter is a pleasant change, or who wear the season like a badge of honour that comes with being Canadian, are seriously reconsidering their citizenship status. Others, who hide from its onslaught by never venturing outside, are being discovered cringing in their homes, peering out through barely parted curtains, dazed and confused, wondering if they missed summer altogether. Even those who laugh in the teeth of winter's icy blast, snowmobilers, skiers and that ilk, are thinking this whole thing has gone on just long enough, thank you very much.

Oh sure, there are still many out there enjoying their favourite winter activity, but all of them are asking when will the special time of the year arrive when the sun beams with such intensity that skiers can shush downhill clad in nothing more than T-shirts and shorts and fishermen can abandon their huts for a lawn chair on the ice.

Alas, that special time of the year

when the kiss of spring lightly caresses the cheek, is not here and other than for the lengthening daylight, there is no sign of its imminent arrival.

We are rather dismayed that the politicians have ducked this one and not taken any action to start the seasonal change. Likewise, those who claim to command the wind appear to have fallen down on the job or, as many suspect, are still in hiding in Florida.

We are not too sure if we are stretching our journalistic licence here, but we believe it behoves us to take action. This is somewhat daring and in fact could be construed to be meddling in the forces of nature, but here goes:

By the authority vested in me, as editor of this community newspaper, I hereby do solemnly declare that Winter is over and Spring can now begin.

Enjoy!

jb

The tip of the iceberg

Editor:

Many of the young people who visit our educational centre have problems with allergies or asthma. When we were young, these conditions were rare. Recently, when we had a class of 30 students from Fleming College, I asked how many of them had either of these immune system health problems. We were shocked when 15 out of the 30 raised their hands--an even 50%! This is the "dying canary in the coal mine", a clear signal as to where our current lifestyle is taking us.

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choices we make about what to eat and what products to buy are much more effective in bringing about change than our vote on election day.

This pandemic of immune system problems is only the tip of the iceberg--an indicator of the damage we are doing to ourselves and our families by our lack of understanding and respect for our environment and our resistance to personal change. If we truly love our children, we will do all we can to clean up our act.

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More funds needed to dissuade young smokers

by Senator Colin Kenny

Rumours swirl through Parliament like second-hand smoke - the federal government will soon raise the taxes on cigarettes that it dropped in 1994 to combat widespread cigarette smuggling into Canada from the U.S.A.

Obviously a leak has made its way out of the department of finance, which is trying to ascertain what the response will be. The word is that taxes will go up by either \$5 per carton all at once, or by \$6 in two hits of \$3 each.

This is not a difficult move for the government to make - in fact it is a lucrative one - since tobacco tax revenues are used to fatten general revenues. (Ottawa collects more than a hundred dollars in tobacco taxes for every dollar it spends on prevention).

The government now has room to move because smuggling U.S.-made cigarettes is not a problem anymore. The average price of a pack of cigarettes has, for some time, been considerably higher in neighbouring American states than it is in Canadian provinces.

In fact, this reversal on tax policy is long overdue. As a loyal Liberal who is not afraid to speak the truth, I would warn that any attempt by my government to pretend that this constitutes an adequate measure to counteract the epidemic of youth smoking in Canada amounts to hogwash.

Higher cigarette taxes will deter youth smoking to some extent, so hurrah for that. I am at a loss however to understand why the government does not introduce a comprehensive anti-smoking program that could reduce youth smoking here (29 per cent) to the rate that it is in California (6.9 per

cent).

My government likes to present Canada as one of the toughest anti-smoking countries in the world, with its bans on tobacco advertising and promotion and its graphic anti-smoking warnings on tobacco packages. None of these measures cost the government anything, but they are certainly gestures appreciated by the health community.

But there is only one real measure of success: results. California doesn't ban cigarette advertising, and the warnings on cigarette packages are minuscule compared to ours. The government of California, however, cheap as it is in many areas of spending, puts real money (\$5.29 per capita, compared to our 66¢) into a no-nonsense campaign designed to communicate with young people.

The result is that in California, idealized as the home of free-spirited youth rebellion, the smoking rate among young people is less than a quarter of what it is in Canada. We know that a terrible percentage of that gigantic differential between smoking Californian kids and smoking Canadian kids are going to die from tobacco-related diseases - kids that won't die in California because they are waging war on youth smoking. We know that huge extra chunk of Canadian kids will die this way because 45,000 Canadians already die from tobacco-related diseases every year, and tobacco addiction invariably sets its hook among the young. This is devastating Canadian families, it is devastating a vigorous society, and it is debilitating the Canadian economy.

I even have Canadian tobacco

companies agreeing that anyone who really wants to lower the smoking rate among Canadian young people will have to mount an expensive, relentless campaign that they will buy into - not the occasional ad that they now either laugh at or shrug off.

The tobacco companies have agreed to put up \$360 million a year that would be raised from a surcharge on tobacco to fund an independent institution run by the Canadian health community, partially at the grass roots level, involving young people themselves. For the first time these programs would be independently evaluated to determine what works and what doesn't. This would be enough money to take a legitimate shot at getting our youth smoking rate down to California levels. Even half that amount won't make a significant

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The rules

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Southern exposure

I think it was about mid-January when I finally snapped.

Canada had lost its winter wonderland charm. I was fed up with cold snaps, black ice, living under skies of unrelieved battleship gray.... Mostly I was tired of wearing 'way too many clothes all the time. So I hied myself to the local travel agent murmuring in a broken monotone "Heat!" "Sunshine!", "Flowers!" as they pryed my Visa card from my frozen fingers.

My travel agent sent me to Mexico. To a tiny town called...well, I'm not going to say what it's called because it IS still a tiny town, unscarred by Macdonald's, Tim Hortons or billboards shilling for Lotto 649.

It is a fishing village and if you get down to the pier early enough in the morning you could buy your fresh Dorado or sailfish or tuna right off the boat. And yes, there was heat, sunshine and flowers everywhere you looked.

There were other things not customary to the Canuck eye as well. I was about to cool my feet in a small stream one afternoon when a Mexican came

toward me wagging his finger. "No! No! Aqui cocodrilos!" he hissed.

Cocodrilos? I thought. Huh. Sounds a lot like the English word... And that's when I looked a little closer at the log I was going to sit down on to take off my socks. The log was a salt-water crocodile....as long as a Buick.

People here are closer to real life than most Canucks would be comfortable with. A shopkeeper apologized for opening his shop late one day. It was because of 'la serpiente' crossing the road, he explained. A boa constrictor.

Also as long as a Buick.

And then there were the alacranes. My landlady cautioned me to always check my shoes and shake my clothes before I put them on "por los alacranes".

Scorpions.

Their sting won't kill you, but you'll wish it had. That said, I must say I never saw a single boa constrictor or scorpion during my stay. But their presence does tilt one toward

a...heightened awareness.

No bad thing for a visitor benumbed by a Canadian winter. I made the usual Gringo blunders. Arrived with a suitcase bulging with jackets, sweaters, extra pairs of long pants, woolly socks and shoes. I spent 90 percent of my time wearing the same baggy shorts accessorized by a pair of Canadian Tire plastic thong slippers.

Two great things about southern Mexico: the people are disarmingly friendly; the currency is dead simple. When it comes to converting money all you have to do is move the decimal point one place to the left. A hundred pesos? Ten dollars. Twenty-five pesos? Two and a half bucks. That's two and a half bucks American.

To convert to Canadian, you need, as usual, access to Hammurabi's Code. It was a remarkably indolent vacation I passed down Mexico way, watching the sun go down over the salt-frosted rim of a Margarita glass.

Pointless. Non-career enhancing. Inherently worthless. Utterly without redeeming social value. I highly recommend it.

On the Street

by Times Staff

MINDEN HILLS

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The first business to incorporate the municipality's new name has opened on Highway 35. Minden Hills Rent-All has tools and equipment for the contractor and homeowner to help get the job done quickly and efficiently. Greg Stamp of Minden Hills Rent-All looks forward to helping customers find the right equipment for the job. Open six days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Minden Hills Rent-All is located next to Minden Live Bait and Tackle on Highway 35, across from Ontario Hydro.

Tobacco tax should be used to warn smokers

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dent in our current 29% disaster rate, and I have the statistics from the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control to prove that. Half-funded programs fail, period.

My government has resisted this plan that has been set forth in two private member's bills (both in my name). The finance department has not liked the bills' proposals to raise funds through designated levies that would be set aside for this particular cause - even though the government currently uses such levies for other purposes, including raising designated revenues on the sale of blank tapes to compensate Canadian recording artists for the taping of their music.

I am sorry that the finance department does not fancy levies; but we need a device to assure consistent funding to an enormously important cause, and this is a good one. I had no choice but to introduce my private member's bill for the third time. I have begged the government to take the bill over and make the concept its own, but to date the responses have amounted to smoke being blown in my face.

If an increase in cigarette taxes is this government's idea of an adequate response, I hang my head. No, I shake my head. Give us

a comprehensive anti-smoking package that includes a well-funded, independently-administered initiative against youth smoking. For God's sake give us what California's parents and children already have: results.

Senator Colin Kenny is the author and co-sponsor of Tobacco Youth Protection Act. e-mail: kennyco@sen.parl.gc.ca



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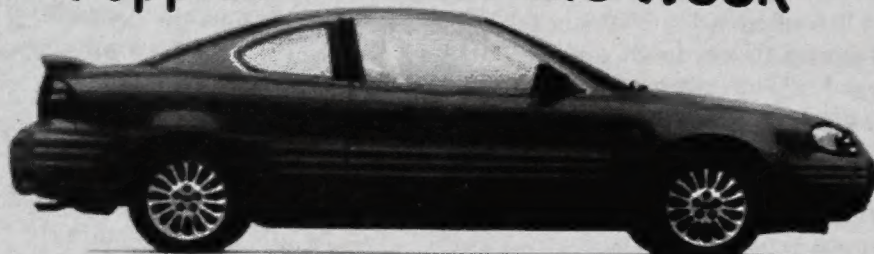
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Minden Mighty Mites league champions

submitted by Kim Ballantyne

It all started in September of 2000 when 11 boys aged three to five came out to the arena in Minden to play some hockey and have lots of fun. With many practices at the beginning of the year and lots of support from parents, who helped the little guys with the basic hockey skills, the team began to develop.

The Mighty Mites learned that having fun, improving their skills, making friends and doing their best were the most important aspects of the game. Many high fives were exchanged at the bench and on the ice to acknowledge all the great plays the team accomplished. They soon began to live up to their name, the Mighty Minden Mites.

The Mighty Mites had an amazing season. In 14 regular season games, they won 12, tied one and lost only one. They scored a total of 152 goals in those 14 games, averaging almost 11 goals per game. The Mighty Mites gave up only 39 goals, or about 2.8 goals per game.

Following are the scores of the regular season games:

Minden 16, Woodville 3
Minden 16, Manvers 1
Minden 15, Manvers 1
Minden 19, Bobcaygeon 3
Minden 8, Fenelon Falls 5
Minden 19, Woodville 3
Minden 13, Oakwood 2
Minden 7, Oakwood 2
Minden 7, Little Britain 1
Minden 11, Fenelon Falls 3
Minden 8, Little Britain 8
Minden 4, Bobcaygeon 1
Minden 5, Haliburton 4
Haliburton 4, Minden 2

The playoffs for the Tri-County League were in the form of a one-day tournament, held on Saturday, February 24, in Little Britain.

The Minden players were so excited, some of them were up at 5:30 a.m., they were so eager to play.

The first game for the Minden Mites was at 9 a.m. against Bobcaygeon. They were playing without Connor Dollo, who was under the weather and on the disabled list.

The Minden boys seemed to be tired at first, but powerhouse Jacob Harrison was the first one to put one into the net, with Jordan Howe assisting. That goal sparked the Minden team into action and the

energy started to flow. Tanner Hamilton sneaked one past the 'Caygeon goalie, with the assistance of George Charlebois and Kirk Lopez. Hamilton was on fire, scoring three more goals and adding a pair of assists.

Bobcaygeon's Cassie Longfield notched a hat trick, closing the gap, but that's as close as Bobcaygeon would get. Tanner Ballantyne scored two goals, with assists going to Michael Kunkle, Hamilton and Lopez. Harrison added two more, rounding out his hat trick, with assists from Christopher Hall, Ballantyne and Ben Hicks.

The final score was 9-3 for Minden.

Harrison was rewarded with the Hustler Award for his play at both ends of the ice.

After the win, the players enjoyed some other activities the tournament organizers had arranged, such as playing cards, colouring, racing minnows and watching movies.

After a lunch of hot dogs, the Minden Mites were back on the ice for their second game. This time Mariposa (Oakwood) provided the opposition.

The first period was a real nail-biter that ended with the score deadlocked at 2-2. Hamilton and Ballantyne were the Minden snipers, with Tyler Stamp setting the puck up nicely in front of the net for them.

Once the second period started, the Minden team

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TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS: The Minden Mighty Mites capped a very successful season by winning the Tri-County League title at the championship tournament in Little Britain. Members of the championship team include, front row, left to right: George Charlebois, Tanner Ballantyne, Christopher Hall, Kirk Lopez and Connor Dollo. Back row (l to r): Coach John Ballantyne, Michael Kunkle, Tanner Hamilton, Ben Hicks, Tyler Stamp, Jordan Howe, Jacob Harrison and Trainer Jeff Howe.

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A EVENT WINNERS: The York Curling Club rink took home the Prentice Power Sports Trophy as winners of the A Event of the Rockbuster Bonspiel. Cheryl Murdoch, left, presented the trophy to skip Eric Doner, vice Neil Paton, second Rob Bell and lead Craig Whetham, left to right. The Bob Clark rink from Elmira was runner-up.



B EVENT WINNERS: Dave McKay, left, presented the Minden Curling Club Trophy to the B Event winners of the Rockbuster Bonspiel. The winning rink, from Pocket Lake/Toronto included (l to r): Skip Tom Howat, vice Frank Ferris, second Dan Howat and lead Doug Rose. The Minden team of Rob Eaton, Murray Cooper, Peter MacNeilage, Warren Payne and Paul Heffer was the B Event runner-up.

Local teams overpowered at Rockbuster Bonspiel



C EVENT WINNERS: Rob Eaton (left) presented the Elmira rink of skip Gerry Hahn, vice Lorne MacKinnon, second Dennis Hastings and lead Brian Irvine with the Sid Stamp Fuels Trophy as winner of the C Event at the Rockbuster Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. The runner-up rink was skipped by Gary Weir of Sutton.



D EVENT WINNERS: The Avonlea/Toronto rink was presented with the Dollo's IGA Trophy by Dave McKay (left) as the D Event winner of the Rockbuster Bonspiel. The team included (l to r): Skip Mike O'Hearn, vice Mike Lennie, second John Gowland and lead John Eberhardt. The Larry Young rink of York was the D Event runner-up.

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Luke Lester wins first two Pro races

Timmins hosted the NTN World Cup Sno-Cross the weekend of February 23-25, with record breaking crowds and impressive racing action. The big news of the weekend was Luke Lester's absolute dominance of the Pro class, carding his first and second Pro victories of his career.

AJ Lester rode his Ski-Doos to dominant qualifying positions in Semi-Pro 500 and Semi-Pro Open. With an authoritative ride against the best in Pro sno-cross, AJ also qualified straight to the front row of the Pro 600 final. Under CSRA rules, Semi-Pro drivers are allowed to race-up in Pro 600 to prepare them for future Pro class racing.

When the green flag dropped in the Semi-Pro Open final, AJ exited the first turn in sixth place. With the pack furiously struggling to find lines, and sort themselves out, AJ took the show to the air, literally flying over drivers as he threaded his way to the front of the pack. By the last lap, AJ had broken free of traffic and set out after the leader.

AJ wicked up the throttle on his Open class Ski-Doo and closed on the leader by the last turn. Using everything he had, AJ crossed the line next to, but not ahead of, the leader, scoring another strong finish in Semi-Pro Open.

In Semi-Pro 500 action, AJ shot into third place by the second lap and was headed for the lead when he caught a huge snow roost in his face and goggles. This, combined with the driving rain, completely fogged his vision, causing him to pull off.

The big race of the weekend for AJ was his incredible charge in Pro 600. After a mid pack start in the 10-lap feature, with help again from mechanic Jeff Bunn, AJ powered his Steve Charity tuned MX-ZX 440 Ski-Doo to an eventual fourth place finish against some of the best Pro Sno-Cross racers in Canada. This finish demonstrated again how fast a competitor AJ has become this year.

Luke Lester, racing his Tim George tuned Polaris Pro-X Edge sleds, exceeded his goals for his first year in Pro racing.

The first incredible triumph came on the Saturday night in Pro 600 when Luke pulled a holeshot that led to a 10-lap dog fight with CSRA's number one plate holder.

Luke put on a show which announced he and Polaris have arrived in CSRA Sno-Cross. After 10 intense laps, Luke pulled cleanly ahead of second place at the checkers. When he crossed the finish line and took the win, he went straight into Canadian Sno-Cross history as the first full-season CSRA Polaris racer to score a Pro victory in five years. The huge crowd that witnessed the win over notable CSRA and WSA competitors showered Luke with shouts and applause on his victory lap.

Luke was intent in Sunday's Pro 500 final, wanting to show everyone his Pro 600 victory was no accident. When the green flag dropped, it was Luke out of the first turn in the lead, chased by a top ranked WSA pro. The two drivers fought tooth and nail for 10 laps, but thanks to Tim George's expertise, Luke's Polaris gave no ground to the green sled in hot pursuit. By the checkers, second place had nothing left for Luke's dogged determination and lightning fast pace through the bumps. Luke had an incredible weekend for his team and for Polaris, which received a pair of long overdue victories in CSRA competition.

Shuffleboard scores

Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors' Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard League results for the week ending February 27:

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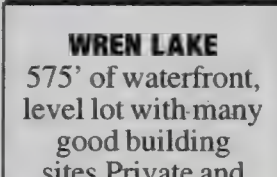
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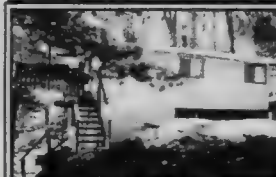
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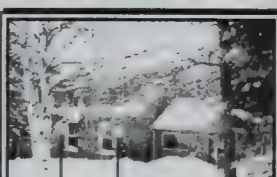
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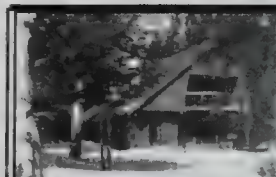
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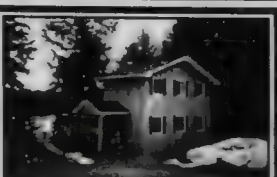
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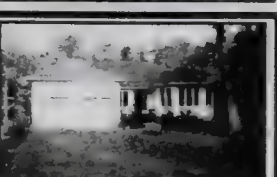
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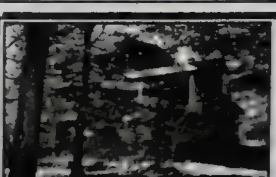
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Cross-country skiing is an 'extreme sport'

Cross-country skiing sometimes suffers in popularity among the younger set because it is not considered to be sufficiently dangerous and sexy. It also has the added nuisance of actually requiring effort, and not everyone likes their recreation to be vigorous.

While it's true that skiing isn't easy, spring conditions can change the nature of the sport. Brace yourself for a startling pronouncement.

Cross country skiing is an extreme sport.

Many would dispute this claim, but it is true beyond any reasonable doubt. What is an extreme sport? It is merely a regular sport that is tweaked with the added danger of imminent death.

The conditions after the recent rain and quick freeze are a challenge. Although the power tiller makes the trails skiable, the trails are not for the faint of heart.

Not only are trails fast as of this writing, they also have chunks of crust scattered liberally around to ensure that no one has a completely safe ski. These chunks, squirrel heads as they are now known, are likely to jump up and grab an edge with no notice.

There is a formula: 70 kilometre/hour downhill + squirrel heads + many trees = extreme sport.

Move over mountain biking, glacier snowboarding and street luge. There are bunches of skinny skiers in spring frolic mode and anything can happen!

Why do we continue to ski? It's FUN and it beats running on icy roads. Remember that the most enjoy-

able days of the winter are often in the fine warm days of March, so be ready to take advantage of them.

The trails will improve before the big thaw begins.

A most important item of business is the upcoming annual general meeting of the ski club. This will be held at Glebe Park on April 25, please pencil in the date. Details of the agenda and annual cleanup will follow.

This will be the final regular edition of Nordic Notes for this memorable winter, but be on the lookout for news in the coming weeks regarding the annual meeting and other trails issues.

Above all, don't be sad. We'll be skiing well into April. Also, by the time you have your last ski, you'll only have to wait a little more than six months for your next ski.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton



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The Senior Red Hawks got some valuable experience during this shortened season's competition. Coach Paul Longo said the team worked hard this season but didn't get many breaks. With most of the team members returning next year, the Senior Red Hawks are expected to be even more competitive.

Senior Red Hawks bow to Wildcats

This season has been a learning experience for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Senior Red Hawks basketball team. Only two members of the team have played in the senior ranks before.

A recent game against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats of Lindsay was one of those games that provided the Red Hawks with some tough competition. The Wildcats gave the Red Hawks a clinic, romping to a decisive 82-28 win.

The Red Hawks game wasn't without a few highlights. Josh Shaw made a nice three pointer in the first quarter. Coach Paul Longo gave credit to centre Matt Mickle for playing a strong game.

"The guys have been working hard," Longo said.

The Red Hawks met the Lindsay Collegiate Spartans in the first game of the playoffs. Longo said the Spartans are stronger than the Wildcats.

Longo said the Red Hawks played really well against the Spartans. The game was close for the first 20-plus

minutes but the Spartans pulled ahead as the game progressed.

Longo said LCVI had one player who was outstanding from outside the key, scoring three-pointers almost at will.

"Both teams shot really well," Longo said. "We just didn't get as many opportunities."

In the end, the Spartans took the win by 25 points.

"Overall it was a pretty good effort," Longo said.

The Senior Red Hawks had a close encounter with the Gravenhurst team last week during an exhibition game. The score of that one was close, with Gravenhurst edging the Red Hawks by seven points.

Gravenhurst built a lead early, but the Red Hawks got stronger and cut the lead in the later stages.

"If we'd had another three minutes we could have won it," Longo said.

Gravenhurst held on for the 56-49 win.

Junior basketball

Good team effort not enough to beat Wildcats

In spite of what coach Irv Sternberg termed its best overall team effort, a recent game against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats left the HHSS Red Hawks Junior boys basketball team on the short end of a 42-22 score.

"We played solid defense for three-quarters of the game," Sternberg said. "We played well offensively too, but just couldn't put many points on the board in the second half."

The Red Hawks trailed by just four points at the half. But the Wildcats kept building on their 22-18 half-time lead in the third and fourth quarters, while holding the Red Hawks to four over the second half.

Although the Junior Red Hawks didn't make the playoffs, Sternberg said, "I was pleased with the effort and commitment to the game. I think they learned a lot. They gave 110 per cent — what else could a coach ask for?"

An exhibition game last week against Gravenhurst gave the Red Hawks some positive reinforcement. They downed the visitors by a solid 19 points, earning a 50-31 victory.

Sternberg said he expects a better season next year.



The HHSS Junior Boys Red Hawks tangled with the I.E. Weldon Wildcats in their last regular game of the season recently in Haliburton. Although it was one of the Red Hawks' best overall efforts of the season, the Wildcats prevailed.

Murray Scott Memorial Fishing Derby raises \$270 for HHOA conservation projects

Twenty-seven anglers braved the cold weather to compete in the third annual Murray Scott Memorial Fishing Derby on Miskwabi Lake on February 17. The event is sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

Danny Johnson, Chair of the HHOA Fund-Raising Committee, said the event was a success even though the number of anglers was down from last year.

Since Miskwabi has a slot limit, the majority of the fish that shared in the prize money were less than a pound. But the first place fish, which was caught by Dean Curry of Haliburton, weighed 3.4 pounds. That 3.4 pound lake trout earned Curry \$120.

The \$90 second prize went to Larry Dack of Tory Hill with a .9 pound laker.

The \$60 third prize was shared by three anglers, all entering fish that weighed .6 pound. Tracey Dack of Tory Hill, Tom Curry of Haliburton and Gary Maughen of Oshawa each took home \$20.

No fin clipped fish were caught. Johnson said that seven or eight fish in the slot size were caught and released.

The winner of the Lake trout print, donated by the Haliburton Lake Trout Project, was won by the youngest entrant, Matthew Tripp of Essonville.

Johnson sends his thanks to all of the participants and a special thanks to Terry Hobden, Bonnie Hobden, Chuck Phillips and the HLTP for helping to make the event a success.

A total of \$270 was raised for HHOA conservation projects.

Hyland Crest residents host formal dinner

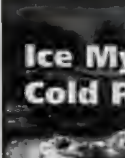
It may have been a little past the date, but the Valentine's Dinner at Hyland Crest was still a gala affair.

Held February 25, friends and family were invited to share in a formal dinner with Hyland Crest residents. Dressed in their best bib and tucker, the residents welcomed their guests to the newly built and renovated facility. The dining areas were festooned with Valentine's decorations, the tables accented with flickering candles and the rooms were abuzz with friendly banter. It was a special evening for everyone involved, including the staff and volunteers who helped make it an event to remember.

RIGHT: Residents Peg Packard, Vera Barnhardt and Margaret Bessie are joined by friends and family for the special evening.

BELOW: Volunteer Les Feero offers some wine to resident Hilda Rush.

BELOW RIGHT: Jackie Mathwich and Nancy Lee share a table with residents Winnie Barnum, centre and Vera Stevens, right.



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Two student plays advance to regional competition

Two plays with contrasting points of view on serious subjects have been chosen as the entries for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the regional Sears Drama Festival today in Gravenhurst.

The winning entries, *Death* and *Gendermat*, were chosen from four productions mounted last week at the high school. The winning entries were chosen by Highlands Summer Festival Artistic Director Barrie Wood.

"The students had a great deal invested in all the plays...and it showed", he commented following his adjudication Tuesday evening. "They did not make my job an easy one, but, on the other hand, it was a pleasure to have such good material from which to choose."

Gendermat was an interesting twist on a familiar theme. The four actors Camilla Petit, Chris Ratz, Dan Morgan and Carrie Heyes played two couples caught in the midst of a break-up. However as the scenes evolved, the relationships between the couples changed providing an intriguing twist to a familiar slice of life.

"It was a very mature production," Wood commented. "It is a play that needs to be seen by other people. This production was very well done and should be a strong contender at the Gravenhurst competition." The play was directed by the cast with assistance from HHSS drama teacher Darrell Dobson.

Wood said he was impressed with the way the students handled the "depressing comedy", *Death*, written by Woody Allen. He gave the students full marks for their interpretation of, "a dark and somber subject." He described *Death* as "an acting challenge", because of the serious nature of the subject matter and the fact that Allen had chosen to present it as a comedy. "The lead, Chris Ratz, came through beautifully, playing the darkness lightly," he commented. "We were able to laugh, despite the serious nature of the subject matter." With a cast of 20, the play was the largest

ensemble in the festival.

"The play looked good and moved smoothly to its conclusion," Wood said.

Two other plays, although not chosen to advance to the regional competition, also drew plaudits from Wood. He gave the *Search for the Holy Grail*, a directorial award of merit. An adaptation of the Monty Python classic, the actors featured scenes from the film. "They handled the difficult job of transferring the magic of a film to the more constrained

environment of the stage," Wood said. *The Grail* was directed by Trevor Ottley.

The Competition Piece was a production mounted by the Grade 11 Drama Class. It followed three different groups of students as they prepared for a drama competition. "This was an interesting satire piece that poked fun at the very milieu in which the students found themselves," the adjudicator said. He gave the production especially good marks for its costuming and the constant

quality of the production as the action moved from group to group.

Wood had praise for all productions noting that the students had obviously worked long and hard on the projects. He also pointed out that the two winning production teams will not be going to Gravenhurst alone today. The students from the two productions which were not chosen will be going with them to provide moral support during the competition. "I wish them well," the adjudicator concluded.

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The theft of a snowmobile from the Redstone/Kennisis Lakes area is being investigated by the OPP. The machine is a black 1998 SKI-Doo Mach 1 with new red skis. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-461-TIPS. The incident was investigated February 25.

Domestic assault

The OPP investigated an assault on Cadge Road in Minden. The incident occurred February 26. The investigation revealed that a 63 year old male from Minden assaulted his step-daughter by grabbing her by the neck. The male was arrested and charged with assault. He will appear in Minden court on April 4, 2001. The female did not require medical attention as a result of the incident.

Collisions City of Kawartha Lakes

Weather played with drivers once again over the

past weekend (February 23-25) with a total of 26 collisions being reported to City of Kawartha Lakes OPP officers. The majority of the collisions were minor, with a few people being treated for minor injuries.

A total of 8 collisions were reported on February 26 up to 12 p.m., most resulting in minor damage once again. City of Kawartha Lakes OPP remind drivers to be prepared for variable conditions at this time of year. Changing weather means changing road conditions. Be prepared and drive safely!

Theft of snowmobile in Sherbourne Township

On February 17, the OPP investigated the theft of a 1999 Ski-Doo MXZ, yellow in colour, from a residence on Kawagama Lake Road in Sherbourne Township. The investigation revealed that the snowmobile had been stolen sometime between February 12 and 17.

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Wild Strawberries entertain at high school

by Jennifer Minto

"If you feel the music is getting to you, feel free to get up in the aisles and dance," teased HHSS teacher Paul Longo Friday night (February 16) in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. "And for those of you over the age of 30, no 'mashing!'" This he said as he introduced Roberta Carter-Harrison, his sister-in-law and lead singer of the Canadian pop band, the Wild Strawberries.

Longo invited the Wild Strawberries to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for a reunion appearance, so to speak. They performed at the high school almost five years ago. The band also includes her husband Ken on keyboard, a drummer, bass player, and guitarist.

Upon arriving, Roberta commented on the differences of the Haliburton high school. When she was last here, there was much more emphasis on the radio



Roberta Carter-Harrison, of Wild Strawberries, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

and the fact a song could be heard and played throughout the world. Now in the twenty-first century, television is the more influential medium when it comes to contemporary music.

"Much Music is so huge today," said Roberta as she prepared to perform. "There is an extreme popularity with music videos in our society and to the teenage population that it is just...normal."

Doctors by day, the husband-and-wife duo of Ken and Roberta Carter-Harrison created the band to occupy their spare time. The duo's first performance was in 1993 and since then they have released over six albums. Their newest is entitled, *Twist* and is just that. A mixture of pop sounds with alternative beats, making for a great listen.

Ken and Roberta presently have a four year old daughter, Georgia, and another on the way. "I know that with music videos, people are going to wonder if I allow my daughter to watch," comments Roberta, "but until she is old enough, she can only watch Mommy for now. There is just too much that she just doesn't and maybe shouldn't understand right now."

As the concert came to a close, an encore was demanded by the crowd, and was eventually given. Ken and Roberta signed autographs and the band continued on to visit with the Longo family. They hope to be able to return to the school again soon and made sure to proclaim that they enjoyed playing in such a wonderful theatre. "Nice upgrade from a girls' gym, if I do say so myself," she concluded. A sentiment shared by those of us in the audience as well.

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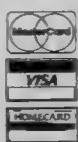
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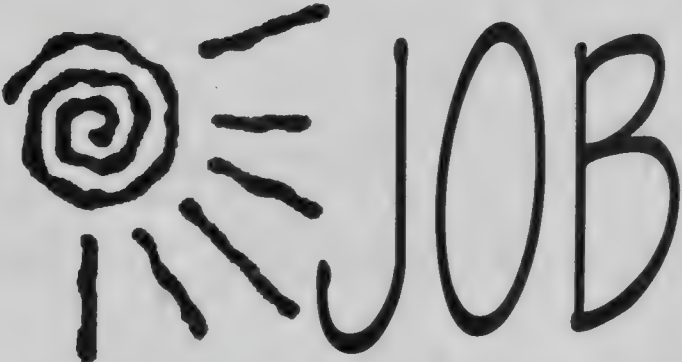
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Trustees say their hands are tied by provincial regulations

(from page 3)

view committee level. "We get reports from Trillium Superintendent Paul Doiron," he confirmed. "The Trustees in the area have kept us fully-informed also."

Orr was asked his opinion about where a school-closure will leave Dorset given the loss of its main municipal centre. "I think we all realize there is a problem around that whole issue," he acknowledged. "But the thing is, we have to look at it from the perspective of the total board. With provincial funding, it doesn't leave us very much flexibility. The problem is, if you have surplus spaces in certain areas of the board, that means other areas have to put in abeyance any expansions and that sort of thing."

Orr explained that as a trustee, he has to look from the board's broader perspective when deciding Dorset's school closure. Orr didn't think that keeping the school open as a daycare/elementary would do much in swaying his opinion regarding the numbers issue. "I don't think using it for other purposes will fight that," he said. "Nor the people/space issue the Province has imposed on the board. I'm open, and certainly I think the board will do everything that it can to see if we can't do something around their proposals. But that really isn't going to solve the problem across the board."

The Trustee said he couldn't look at the issue in the sense of it being 'only one school.' "It is unfortunate, but there again, it is the province that has dictated that," Orr said he didn't see how the enlargement in Dorset elementary's catchment area would solve the problem the school faces either.

The trustee was asked if he found it difficult to differentiate between closing a school because of provincially-imposed numbers and looking at what it does to a small town on the whole. "That's all taken into account," he admitted. "We are looking at the total picture as much as we can - I was very involved in Victoria County when they came down with the

proposal to close libraries. It's the same sort of issue. When they close libraries - they are really taking away services from small communities, so I can certainly relate to what they are going through."

Nobody is happy with closing a school, he concluded. "I think the budget restraints the province has imposed on the boards and the student space-rating has a lot to do with it."

Waiting for the review

Bracebridge School Trustee Linda Matthews said Trustees wait for the review committees report before forming an opinion. "It (the report) includes all the discussions and information given to the committee - and its recommendations," she said. "Anything and everything that they put into there."

Matthews explained that she expects the review committee will include all pertinent Dorset history and information in the report. "We have to depend on the work of the committee," she added. "I'm sure that if the trustees don't include it then the community members will want to include it." She expects the report will come to her attention well in advance of the meeting so that she and the others will have time to read and digest it, before making any decision.

Province sets the rules

It would be easy to interpret the School Board Trustee responses as conservative and non-committal. Yet the Province does seem to hold any board action in a tight grip. If Trillium Lakelands Trustees vote to keep Dorset Elementary open, it will not be an easy decision on their part. City of Kawartha Lakes School Trustee Rick Johnson continues.

"It's a problem across the whole province right now because of funding formulas," he agreed. "When you are looking at delivering programs and at the viability of delivering those programs with the new curriculum which is intensive, it makes it difficult."

Johnson says that from a provincial standpoint,

Dorset is not alone. "In Toronto, there are schools whose viability is questioned because they have 180 children in them," he points out. "And a high school will be closed because it has less than 300 kids."

While Dorset's school only has 27 students, its proponents feel that chopping another cultural center from its midst will neuter the once vibrant community spirit that continues to thrive in the face of uncertain change. This also worries Johnson who says that this fact is being talked about among trustees. "We do talk about the issue of looking at rural schools - the majority of schools in this board are rural schools," said the Trustee. "But the funding formulas are based on how many students you have. We have to look at equity and ask ourselves if it is fair that there are areas of the board which are overcrowded when others are half-empty."

Johnson acts as Trillium Lakelands Board Representative with the Ontario Public School Boards Association and says that this organization has lobbied the Provincial government to recognize the unique problems that small areas are facing. "It's a real struggle," he adds. "They look upon a remote school as being one that is more than an hour's drive from the nearest school. I hate the idea of long bus rides for students - but what do you do?" The trustee said that the board has lost the right to raise money locally. "We would like to shorten bus routes, we would like to keep buildings open, we would like to do whatever we have to do - but we have to go to the government for the money," he says. "The charge cards have been taken away."

Johnson says "I understand that historically, they were looking at closing the school years ago and then when the provincial government re-opened the ministry, all of a sudden, the school count shot up to way over a hundred. So much is affected by outside sources up there." Johnson felt confident that once the review committee presents its proposal to the board, all of these aspects will be considered.

Aaron Hie tops Thursday Night League with 298 single

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High average: Bob Vankoughnet 179; Maxine Cross 167

High single: Bob Vankoughnet 211; Leitha Stearns 192

High single (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 249; Flo Roussel 256

High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 592; Leitha Stearns 507

High triple (handicap): Bob Vankoughnet 706; Flo Roussel 695

Monday night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 244; Michelle Moore 187

High single: Addie Dykstra 271; Teresa Clement 254

High single (POA): Craig Philip +76; Teresa Clement +76

High triple: Doug Schell 678; Michelle Moore 571

High triple (POA): Bill Hogg +85; Teresa Clement +87

Tuesday Seniors' Match Play

High average: Ron Earle 177; Theresa Fox 168

High single: Neville Whiteside 232; Theresa Fox 222

High single (handicap): Neville Whiteside 275; Corinne Wrightman

287

High triple: Neville Whiteside 551; Theresa Fox 523

High triple (handicap): Neville Whiteside 680; Corinne Wrightman

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Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ed Braithwaite 202; Grace Chapman 181

High single: Ed Braithwaite 237; Grace Chapman 203

High single (handicap): Jesse Barlow 258; Mitzi Alzner 265

High triple: Ed Braithwaite 573; Grace Chapman 538

High triple (handicap): Fred Preston 690; Marg Albers 680

Thursday Night Mixed League

High average: Walt Stegmaier 219; Joan Rivard 183

High single: Aaron Hie 298; Joan Rivard 231

High single (handicap): Aaron Hie 344; Joan Rivard 265

High triple: Doug Reinwald 661; Deb Cox 563

High triple (handicap): Aaron Hie 786; Joan McKay 692

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Tuesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 209; Jean Pugh 179

High single: John Pugh 304; Jean Pugh 195

High single (handicap): John Pugh 329; Hildy Smith 270

High triple: John Pugh 728; Jean Pugh 548

High triple (handicap): John Pugh 810; Evelyn Wilbury 724

Wednesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 192

High single: Vic Ross 259; Marie Thompson 245

High single (handicap): Vic Ross 307; Myra Marshall 294

High triple: Ken Thompson 654; Marie Thompson 630

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Thursday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 205; Josie Cheesman 195

High single: Ken Thompson 269; Josie Cheesman 262

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Kids Can Cafe at ASES

by Julie Snell, ASES Press Club Member

Every Thursday a group of Archie Stouffer Elementary School students, with the help of educational assistants Mrs. Swanfelt and Mrs. McCrea, run the "Kids Can Cafe." This is a life skills program that involves planning and preparing nutritious lunches. The idea came from Ms. Kempstra, the Special Education Teacher. She thought that a program was needed that included real life skills. Parts of the math and health curriculum are also covered.

There are many students involved in the program. Therefore, organizers decided to divide students into groups and run the program on a rotational basis. This means that every week, for three weeks, there are different students making the food. After three weeks, the rotation starts all over again.

The cafe is open on Thursdays at lunch to all the staff members of ASES. The cost is \$5 for the lunch.

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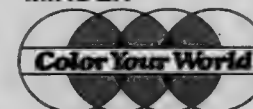
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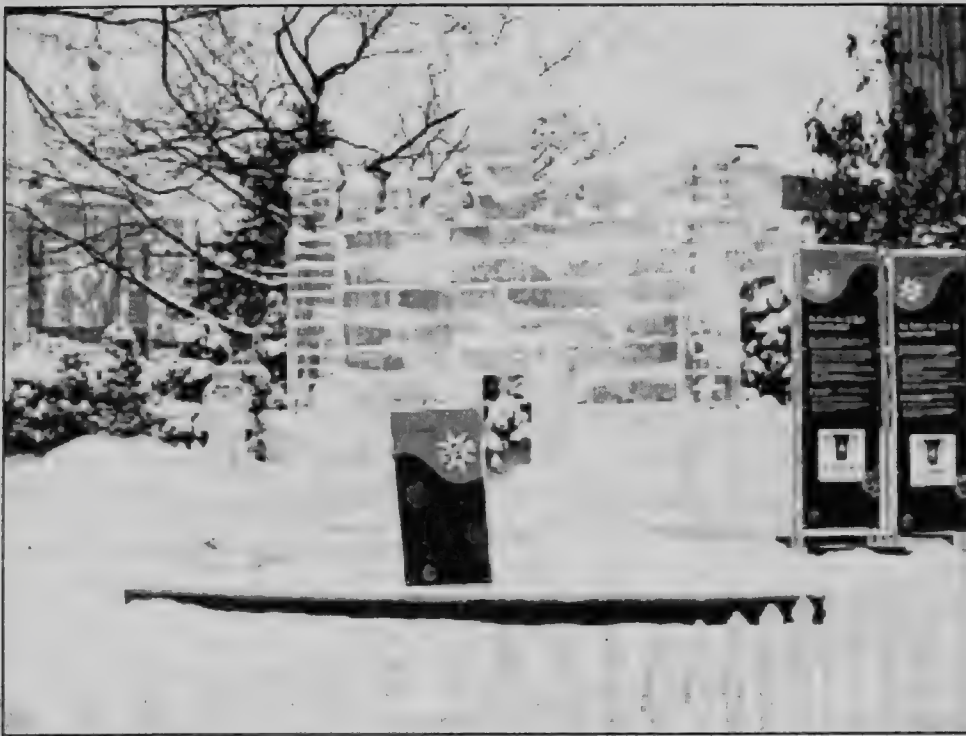
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by Julie Snell, ASES Press Club Member

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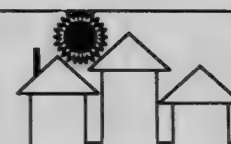
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Promotional Brochures RFP

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for the
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Festivals and Events RFP

It has been identified in the County Marketing Plan that the development or
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Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for the development
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Eco Tourism/Outdoor Adventure/Outdoor Education;
Cultural Tourism Enhancement/Development;
Winter and Off-Season Activities/Events
Tourism Packaging Programs

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Guests welcomed to Valentine's Dinner

The first day of March and so far today the sun is shining! Don't want to tempt fate too much. The light is at the end of the tunnel, and let's hope it's not the train. We're sitting here today going over the wonderful events that have happened recently.

A group of Scottish Dancers entertained us at our last Tea Party; in fact it was our Birthday Tea. Many residents attended and thoroughly enjoy the afternoon. Our thanks to all involved.

Our annual Valentine's Dinner was held last Friday. Residents all dressed in their finest clothes then were escorted into the dining rooms by family and friends. The dining rooms were a sight to behold, as everything was beautifully decorated. One could imagine stepping into a high-class restaurant with tables set just so and candles glowing. The meal was superb - Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding accompanied by vegetables and for dessert a choice of two pies, apple with cheese or lemon with cream. Wine was also offered to those who wished it. Everything was perfect, nothing was missed - even the cheese on the pie was cut in the shape of a heart. While enjoying all this, we were wonderfully entertained by some marvellous people, Sonya and Mike Proctor with Ed and Billy Pickard. All in all a very successful event that gave a wealth of wonderful memories. Memories that we're sure will be captured in part by pictures that were taken. We are certainly looking forward to seeing them.

How do we begin to thank everyone involved in bringing this all together? It was a total team effort and all staff are to be congratulated - activity, dietary, nursing, housekeeping, maintenance, office, our hairdresser, our entertainers and our craft group, so many people to thank, forgive us if we have missed anyone. This event took a lot of planning and all those involved deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done!! We will be talking about this for many days to come.

After this we were glad for a quiet weekend. Of course the weather played its part on Sunday by keeping the Norland Hillbilly's from coming. Let's hope there aren't too many days like that left.

A few days ago a memorial service was held for Lola Prentice. Pastor Dan Millard was with us as we remembered our long-time resident Lola. We were pleased that Bill and Lenore Prentice along with their daughter Bev were here with us. It was a beautiful service, well attended with many fond memories shared.

We've had some great music these last few days. Gord Kennedy was in, also Burrt Bonnell and friends provided us with a sing-song. The Gang was in for

our Pub Night however The Gang was minus the two Don's, both were under the weather, so we send get well wishes, we missed you.

Many of us celebrated Holy Communion during our Chapel Service this week with Rev. Everall. We were also pleased to have Ann McAdam playing the organ. It was a beautiful service and we thank the Reverend and Ann for taking time to be with us.

Our craft group is keeping busy as usual. They never run out of special events and were responsible for the lovely little table party favours at our Valentine Dinner, another special little touch.

A Joyful Noise was unable to visit with us as planned this week. Clare Burt fell and broke her leg. We haven't heard yet how she is, but we send her our best and wish her a speedy recovery.

Our card sharks are still at it! Harold and Roy won two games to one versus Margaret and Marjorie. Majorie's daughter Sheila was also on hand to help out. According to Roy, he and Harold allowed the women to win their game. Come on ladies don't let him get away with that nonsense!

We had a new visitor in yesterday. His name is Kirby, a new canine volunteer. Kirby belongs to Kyla Grexton and he has been specially trained through St. John Ambulance Pet Therapy Programme. A lovely dog and we are certainly looking forward to his regular visits.

Our Tea Party today is to be hosted by the Haliburton U. C. W. We are looking forward to their company.

Before we go we must mention a visitor that Thelma Deacon and Alice Prentice had recently. Lottie Ruttan popped in and shared some great memories with Thelma and Alice. Old photographs were brought out that provided a few chuckles. Lottie (who was then Lottie Griffin) spoke of the price of streetcar tickets in Toronto back in 1941, four tickets for twenty-five cents. Oh, for those prices today.

Guess we have told you all our news, however we do have some birthday announcements to pass on.

Birthday greetings to: Germaine Levesque who celebrates on March 9, and Edward McKelvey whose birthday is March 12. Many happy returns to you and have a wonderful birthday.

Have a good week everyone - and think "SPRING".

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This contract will be for the construction of the Applied Computing & Engineering Sciences Wing for Sir Sandford Fleming College, at the Sutherland Campus, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario.

AWARD OF CONTRACT SUBJECT TO BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL

Tender documents and specifications will be available on Friday, March 2, 2001 from:

Sir Sandford Fleming College
Purchasing Department, Room 423
599 Brealey Drive
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B1

OR

AT THE MANDATORY SITE VISITATION THE SAME DAY.

Sealed Tenders must be returned to the Purchasing Department, Room 423, Brealey Building, Sutherland Campus, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001. The tenders will be publicly opened at 3:05 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001 in the Board Room (Rm 515) Brealey Building, Sutherland Campus, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario.

All interested parties are asked to attend a MANDATORY SITE MEETING on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. at the Brealey Building, Sutherland Campus, 599 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario, in the Learning Resource Centre Board Room. Tenders will only be accepted from those in attendance at the site visit.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required for each tender set of documents (a set is comprised of 1 set of Blueprints and 1 Specification Manual)

THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER SUBMITTED WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE ACCEPTED.

FAX SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Sir Sandford Fleming College is dedicated to equitable employment practices. We encourage all to take an active role in achieving the goals of employment equity and adhere to the principles of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Lawrence, Director of Purchasing at (705) 749-5554, or Dick Sai Chew, Line Architect Inc., (416) 955-9938.



Tender Janitorial Services

The Ministry of Natural Resources, Sioux Lookout Fire Management Headquarters, invites sealed tenders for janitorial services at its Fire Management Headquarters, located in Sioux Lookout, Ontario

The contract will cover the term from April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 with a possible renewal of one additional year.

The contractor will be required to provide all labour, material, equipment necessary for the services.

Prospective bidders or their representatives may attend an on-site meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2001 at 10:00AM (local time) at the Fire Management Headquarters office. Attendance is optional. The meeting will allow prospective bidders to inspect the site and to have staff answer any questions pertaining to the project

Please specify **Tender #SSB-5546** when requesting documents (by facsimile) during normal office hours from:

Management Board Secretariat
Shared Services Bureau
Strategic Procurement Branch
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Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 6V5
Tel.: (705) 945-6641
Fax: (705) 945-5960

For further technical information, please contact **Lorilee Matheson at (807) 737-5002**. For further administrative information, please contact **Harold Kinzie, at the above address**.

Tenders must be received at the above address before 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Tuesday, March 20, 2001. Tenders will be opened publicly on Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at 2:05 p.m. (local time). Tenders received after the closing date/time will be returned unopened.

The lowest, highest, or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.



County of Haliburton

Tender No. 01-15-05-28A

Rehabilitation of County Road No. 121 (North)
From King's Highway 35 to County Road No. 18

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until:

2:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, March 19, 2001

for the restoration of approximately 7.5 kilometres of County Road 121 between Minden and County Road 18. The work consists of replacement of drainage culverts, restoration of selected areas of road subbase, cold in place asphalt, surface asphalt, paved shoulders, Granular "A" shouldering and removal of rock sidecuts. Alternately, full depth asphalt may be considered and is provided for in the Form of Tender.

Tender Documents will be available, for viewing only, at local Construction Exchanges and the County Roads Department.

The tender must be accompanied by tender deposit in the form of a **certified cheque or bid bond** made payable to the County of Haliburton, in an amount not less than that specified in the Tender Documents, and an Agreement to Bond.

The submitted tenders will be opened publicly. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information, contact: Roy Haig, Engineering Services manager at (705) 286-1762.

Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.aibn.com>)

March!! We made it!!

In our neck of the woods it is certainly still winter. Apparently elsewhere, farther south, the snow is all gone, but not here!! The other day when driving past the McAdam's, I noticed on the piles of snow along their path to the front door, the snowblower had exposed the different layers of snow which had fallen all winter. It looked like the rings on a tree. Those rings told a lot of what we have been exposed to the last few months. In any case, whatever it might look like, the back of winter is surely broken!!

Another sign of the passing of this season was the beginning of Lent as marked at the Pancake Supper at St. Paul's last Tuesday. As usual it was delicious, well organized, and great to meet and greet so many friendly faces!!

Another meal I enjoyed last week was a luncheon date with a friend at Memories Etc. My friend from Haliburton was thrilled with our wonderful café. She enjoyed the food, the ambience, and we enjoyed getting caught up on what was happening in our lives. We are lucky to have such a fine eatery in our town!!

Sad news from Haliburton. Anne McKay is grieving the loss of her two sons to cancer within weeks of each other. The loss of children is the most difficult, but to lose two at the same time is too difficult to contemplate. Anne's daughter Laurie is with her mother to share their grief. All who know them, I am sure, hold them in their prayers. Anne and her husband Max were the back bone of keeping Camp Comak going for many years. My Dad and Mom counted on them. They never let them down.

The 50+ Club is holding its March get-together on Thursday, March 15 at the Haliburton Legion. Meet and mingle starts at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will also be musical entertainment. This will be the last meeting until October. So come on out!! If interested in attending please call Margaret Bull at 457-2124.

A reminder of the Tuesday, March 6 meeting of the Minden and District

Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre at 7:15 p.m. "Wake up Sleeping Beauties", is the topic of the evening. Starting your geraniums, dahlias etc., will be talked about by staff from Campbell's Garden Centre. It is "Think Green" luncheon month so bring along your favourite 'green' treat!!

A date correction. Last week it was reported here that the 'Trip to Rama' put on by the Kinmount Seniors was on March 8. It should have read Tuesday, March 6; tomorrow!! So if on the spur of the moment you would like to join them please call 488-2728 to reserve a seat for \$5!!

Another week and then it is school-break!! I am sure there are a lot people counting the days!! Lucky those of you who are heading to sunnier and warmer climes (do you catch the tone of envy in the writing?). Just to have a break, no matter what you do with it, is good for the soul. Routines can get awfully deadly at times!! I am just back from a trip to Guelph which again filled me up and helped give me the impetus to keep going and swing into spring!!

Have a good week!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, February 22: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Margaret Fletcher and Kevin Maloney were the winners of most lone hands. Pat Roussel and Norm Lee took the high scores and Verna McDonald and Marcel Roussel took the lows. Carol Hill, Jean Scadden and Jim Bradbury won the other prizes.

Friday, February 23: Duplicate Bridge at Echo Hills: Jacqui and Kelly Metcalf were first with 64%. Reet Murray and Bill Sandford followed in second with 59%. Ev Morgan and Maria Lehoczy were third with 57%.

Saturday, February 24: Bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Iris Taylor was the winner with a score 323, followed by Georgina Deeks in second, with 261. Idella Gault, Marcel Roussel and Kevin Maloney each found a hidden score. Norm Lee, Esther Lee and Ellie Langpohl each won a moonshot.

Monday, February 26: Senior Bid

Euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Isabel Cherwenka was first followed by Ida Young in second. Esther Lee won the draw and the one and only moonshot.

Euchre with the Friendship Club at St. Paul's: Norm Lee and Pearl Cowen won lone hands. Don Hicks was high man and Katie Parker was high woman. Bill Van Dyke was low man and Jeanne Keliele was low woman. Fern Donnelly and Bill Van Dyke each won a draw.

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: Ed Hisson was the high scorer of the evening followed by Dean Chambers. Ann Baker, Lois Adamson, Claire Brooks and Maxine Cross won the draws.

Euchre at Club 35: Ivan Kernohan won the 50/50 draw. Alf Whyman won lone hands. High scores went to Marjorie Cowen and Wally Harpur. Lows went to Jean Dutka and Ivan Kernohan. Josie Cheeseman walked off with the baloney.

Tuesday, February 27: Senior Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion: They had the most tables of players ever!! The winners were Ellie Langpohl, Marcel Roussel, Dorothy McElwain and Norm Lee. Marie Dennie, Ann Baker, Milton Fletcher and Ida Young found hidden scores. Isabel Cherwenka won the only moonshot.

Bridge at Stanhope: It has now been

5 weeks without a slam!! No doubt a dubious record!! High scores went to: first, Reet Murray, 5590; second, Ross Fletcher, 4200; third, Mike Collins, 4180; fourth, June Branning, 3960. Co-recipients of the 'Award of the Week' went to "The Boobsey Twins", Diane Boll and Betty Schlotter. Diane Boll also won the magic number of the afternoon.

Wednesday, February 28: Duplicate bridge at Parklane: Playing the Mitchell, in North/South, in first with 58% were Ross Fletcher and Muriel McIntosh. In second with 56% were Nick Lehozcky and Hal Beach. In East/West, in first with 59% were Jack and Willie Cox. In second with 52% were Mike Collins and Joan Galley.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Ross Fletcher and June Branning won the two moonshots of the evening. Top scores went to Pat Roussel, 231, Gala Stamp, 246, Marjorie Cowen, 261, Don Burch, 266 and Bill Milford in the top spot with 271.

Euchre at the Kinmount Legion. The high and low women were Sally Taylor and Vivian Anderson. high and low men were Bob Vick with Roger Fournier and Harold Harvie tying for low. Bob Vick won lone hands and Harold Harvie won the 50/50 draw.

Another week!! Another dollar!! Have fun!!

The Township Of Minden Hills

"Logo, Flag Design and Motto Contest"

The 'Hills' might be alive with the sound of people enjoying life in the Highlands, but Council for the new municipality of *Minden Hills* is looking for artists and poets alike to draw a new logo, design a new Township flag, and compose a motto that visually captures the spirit and dynamic of the newly amalgamated

Township of Minden Hills

The prizes for the winning entry is \$300.00, in cash money, or \$100.00 for each winning entry in the categories.

Rules and Regulations:

- Contest is open to everyone with a creative idea on developing a logo, flag or motto.
- The deadline for submissions will be: Thursday, May 31st, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.
- Each entry must be on a separate 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper and are limited to three colours (black and white excluded).
- Entrants may submit design work and/or wording for any or all contest items, including logo, flag design and motto.
- Entrants may submit as many entries as they wish.
- All entries received later than post mark Thursday, May 31st, 2001 will not be considered.
- All entries received become the property of the Township of Minden Hills.
- Any entries deemed identical in colour, motto or logo will be considered as possible winning entries by the earliest postmark date.
- Prizes are to be awarded on the basis of: a) overall flag submission, incorporating logo and motto; or b) the even distribution among prize winners of total first prize money, should a separate logo and/or motto be selected.
- An independent, non-participating panel will review all entries and recommend a short-list of five (5) to ten (10) entries for submission to Council. All members of Council will make a final selection(s) not later than June 28th, 2001.
- Winners will be notified by telephone and names published in the local media.
- Presentation of prizes will be made by Minden Hills Council at a date suitable to the winners. [Target date will be Sunday, July 1, 2001 - Canada Day]
- Please mail all submissions, marked "Contest", to:

Township of Minden Hills
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Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
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March 20, 2001, 7-9 p.m.
and
March 24, 2001, 1-3 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS
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Joey and Vanessa Noel of Minden are proud parents of
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BIRTHS

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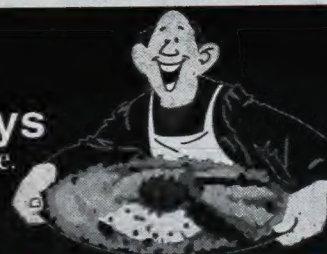
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